



Memorandum

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To: CARES Plus Round 2 Lead Agencies

From: Camille Maben, Executive Director

Subject: Policy Memo CARES Plus #1 – Use of AB 212 Funds

This policy memo reiterates AB 212 funds may *not* be used as a local match for CARES Plus and provides rationale regarding this decision. As stated on page 38 of the CARES Plus Round 2 Request for Application (RFA), "...funding pursuant to AB 212 (Chapter 547, Statutes of 2000) may not be included in the local investment for match purposes."

First 5 California has received several requests to review its position on the use of AB 212 funds as a local match due to the significant contribution of Federal Quality Set-Aside in the funding formula.

First 5 California acknowledges and appreciates that many counties have aligned their AB 212 and CARES Plus programs in accordance with the CARES Plus Round 2 RFA to avoid duplication of services. The intent of the local match requirement is for local agencies to leverage First 5 California funds to implement a more comprehensive program, thereby serving more participants than they would have otherwise served. Because the objectives of AB 212 and CARES Plus are similar, and coordination with AB 212 is part of the RFA requirements, use of AB 212 funds as a match does not meet the intent of a local match, regardless of whether it comes from state or federal funds.

For the reasons stated above, First 5 California must reaffirm the language in the RFA and prohibit use of AB 212 as a local match for CARES Plus.